

Welcome to this edition of your newsletter.

Christmas is over for another year and I hope Santa was kind to everyone and you did not gain too many extra kilos by eating too much. I also hope that by now those of us with sore heads and with a New Years resolution never to drink alcohol again are feeling much better. As long as everyone is safe and contented, that's all that matters.

This newsletter is to bring you the entry form for the State Titles being held at the PPLA ranges at Eagle Park, Little River on Saturday and Sunday 17th/18th February 2007. The last 3 selection matches have had a lot of attendees and I ask that you get your entries in as quickly as possible and try not to leave to entering on the day of the comp. remember last year when we had over 160 competitors?

STATE SELECTION MATCHES

As I have already indicated above, please get your entries in early. It makes a lot of difference to the setup and running of the match. If you are late or enter on the day, you will not be squadded where you want to be, you will be placed in the empty spaces in existing squads. The match has now been approved as an International Level 3 match.

Well done to the Sale PC for another great effort at the recent Selection Match. With 95 competitors it goes to show that things are looking up for IPSC in Victoria. There were a lot of new people in attendance and this is also good for the sport. Congratulations to Peter 'Winky' Hayes and his small band of excellent workers.

The State Titles will be the final deciding match for the State teams attending the Nationals in Darwin, so if you want a place on the team you must shoot this match and have shot at least two of the other Selection matches. Teams being sent will be decided at the next two IPSC meetings.

Dates for the next round of State Selection matches are already being proposed. PPLA has offered to run two one day matches. The first being Sunday May 20th 2007 and the second Sunday 19th August 2007. Entry forms will be made available as time draws nearer. Wodonga PC has also stated that they want to run a two day Selection shoot at their range; I expect this to be in September. Calibre Sports have also put up for a one day match in October. That gives us at least 4 Selection matches and a State Titles, which can be added to if Sale PC runs another in November. This would a great outcome for IPSC in Victoria as we have always needed more clubs running Selection shoots. Hopefully some of the other clubs might put something together too.

With all of the selection matches being run, we must not forget the Tasmanian Championships. They too will also be run on a date to be fixed and I am sure they will set their date so that it does not clash with the already set Victorian dates. Hopefully it will be in early October. As always if clubs want their Selection match sanctioned, I need to have the completed match package submitted to me 3 months in advance of the match date so that it can be put on the International page and sent for checking etc.

2007 NATIONALS

The 2007 Nationals are progressing very well and almost all arrangements are completed. Hotel bookings are becoming very tight and I urge those of you intending on going to get your hotel sorted out quickly. The earlybird entry fee continues until 31st January 2007 so get yours in now otherwise the price goes up. All those people who are hoping for a place on the State Teams should pay their entry fee regardless and we will either get a refund from IPSC NT or IPSC Vic will refund your monies after the match. Don't forget that if you like to shoot shotgun and rifle, the National Championships for this will

be held at the same venue a couple of days after the Handgun Championships. All entry forms and details can be found on a link from the IPSC Australia webpage.

VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION

Well the Elections have been run and won, and I would like to thank all of those people who felt that our sport was worth taking a few hours of their time to go to a polling booth and help out on the day. Whilst Labour did not get a majority in the Upper House, it was important that the Greens did not get too many seats either. The outcome of the election, whilst not 100% what we wanted, was favourable to the shooting sports. The various parties and politicians in those parties have now realised that we **ARE** a force to be reckoned with along with the other sport/recreational parties and they know we can do a lot more. So, again I thank those who helped retain our sport.

OTHER ISSUES

In October the PPLA and SSPC pistol clubs combined to run a 3 gun competition. This proved very successful even though we could not use the various firearm types at the range on the day. This situation will be remedied by the end of February 2007 and it is hoped that another 3 gun match can be held soon after. I am hopeful that we can put together a two day, 3 gun match and call it the Victorian Championships. There are few things still to be worked out with this; however I do not think they are insurmountable. I will keep you informed as to what is going on.

We are still waiting to hear back from the LSD with regards to the submissions that Greg Moon put forward on our behalf in early November. Hopefully we will have this resolved before our next 3 gun match. Other submissions will be made in due course to try to get approval for other things that we lost.

Listed below are the confirmed dates for State Level matches being held in Victoria this year.

State Titles	Saturday/Sunday 17 th /18 th February 2007	PPLA
Selection Match	Sunday 20 th May 2007	PPLA
Selection Match	Sunday 19 th August 2007	PPLA
Selection Match	Sunday 21 st October 2007	Calibre Sports

Well that's all for this newsletter and I hope to see you on a range soon.

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